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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

EPSTEIN, GORDON H. et al.

Application No.: 10/718,504

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For: EXPANSILE DEVICE FOR USE IN
BLOOD VESSELS AND TRACTS IN
THE BODY AND METHOD

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8230

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AMENDMENT

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 09/11/2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include seven (7) attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix I** including new replacement drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.